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# PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Subject: Hood Flutter, Shake or Vibration at Highway Speeds or over Rough Road Conditions

Models: 2015 Cadillac Escalade, Escalade ESV

2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500

2015 Chevrolet Silverado, Suburban, Tahoe

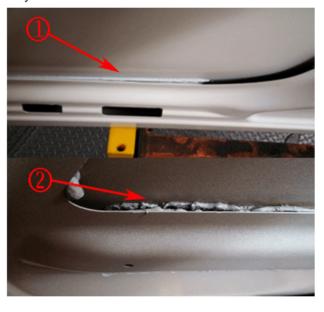
2014 GMC Sierra 1500

2015 GMC Sierra, Yukon, Yukon XL

#### Condition/Concern

Some customers may comment on the vehicle hood fluttering, vibrating or displaying visible motion at highway speeds or over rough road surfaces.

The inner and outer hood panels may not be sufficiently bonded together at all points. At highway speeds or over rough surfaces, the sheet metal may be able to flutter at some locations.



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#### Legend

- (1) Separation
- (2) Gap/Void

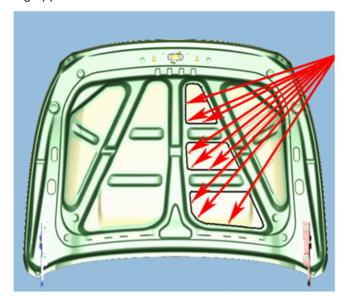
### Recommendation/Instructions

Apply panel vibration control material between the inner and outer panels. The procedure below outlines the proper repair instructions. The accompanying illustrations show the most likely areas that may be the source of the fluttering.

**Important:** The hood fluttering or vibration DOES NOT indicate that any adjustment of the hood latch, striker or bumpers is needed. Hood overslam bumpers that are not in contact or a hood latch that is set slightly high may also lead to hood vibration. However, this procedure is for hood inner to outer adhesive separation after the latch position and overslam bumper contact have been verified.

- 1. Open the hood.
- 2. Remove the 6 plastic fasteners retaining the underhood insulation pad using a trim tool.
- 3. Remove the underhood insulation pad.

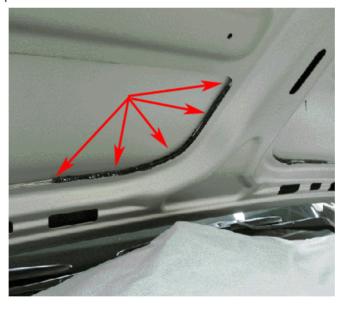
4. Cover the engine and the cowl area with a blanket, towel or other protective covering. Panel vibration control material may drip while being applied.



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Refer to the picture above (GMC Yukon shown – others similar). In all cases you will be filling the void between the inner and the outer panels to prevent the metal fluttering. The arrows indicate the areas most likely to require additional bonding. Examine the underhood panel for signs of original factory shrinkage or insufficient application, similar to the pictures listed in the Condition/Concern section.



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6. Using a non-expanding two-part panel control vibration material, such as SEM 39977\* or equivalent, fill the voids between the inner and outer hood panels as shown in the illustration (one side only indicated). Keep the tip of the applicator right up against the panel in order to allow the material to flow in between the panels. Follow the manufacturers instructions for proper application.

**Important:** While most of the areas to bond will be covered by the underhood insulation pad, maintain a neat appearance.

- 7. Reinstall the underhood insulation pad.
- 8. Install the 6 retainers.
- 9. Remove the blanket covering the engine and fenders.
- 10. Inspect for and clean up any dripped material.
- 11. Close the hood.

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#### **Parts Information**

For product ordering information, call SEM at 1-866-327-7829. SEM products are also available at local automotive paint supply stores.

Part Number	Description	Material Allowance
SEM 39977*	Panel Control Vibration Material	\$20.00 \$35.00 CDN
*There is enough material to do approximately 2 vehicles. Store the remaining material for future use.		

## **Warranty Information**

For vehicles repaired under warranty, use:

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Time
1480308*	Bond Inner and Outer Hood Panels	0.4 hr
*This is a unique Labor Operation for Bulletin use only. It will not be published in the Labor Time Guide.		